

## "SOCIETY BURGLAR" TELLS WHY HE ROBBED WOMEN

Dying Thief Stole to Back Up Lies to His Wife.

"I Kept Writing My Mother About My Wealth, and I Robbed Women So I Could Take My Wife Home in Affluence."

"To Hide My Lies, I Told My Wife Indians Had Run Me Away from My Mines. Then She Came to America."

"I Was Broke, But I Kept Writing My Wife of My Gold Mines. I Almost Starved."

"We Married When We Were Kids. I Came Alone to America to Win a Fortune."

In his cot at the Knickerbocker Hospital Herbert J. Eaton, "society burglar" and "tango toe thief," who was probably mortally wounded by a policeman's bullet Wednesday evening, is waiting for the end composedly and happily, for, with an arm about his five-year-old daughter Vivian and his other hand clasped between those of his wife, he has made a confession, the strangest which Capt. Cooper of the Harlem Detective Bureau says he ever heard.

At its conclusion Mrs. Eaton kissed him and told him she forgave him. She was intense and little Vivian was weeping, too, but when they left him Eaton knew that, whatever others might think, the two he loved the most had condoned his faults.

For Eaton prayed upon well-to-do women of society not to satisfy covetous for a life of wealth and comfort, not to enable him to pose as a Broadway idler, but to obtain the means to take his wife and little daughter back to their home in Wales, there to live in a comfort which his clerk's salary of \$35 a week could never procure them here.

Eaton's confession was full and open. There was no question he would not answer, and Capt. Cooper believes that only two women, Mrs. Gertrude Pike, wife of Arthur E. Pike, a cotton merchant of No. 440 Riverside Drive, and Miss Marie A. Kohn, daughter of a wealthy Paris banker, were his victims. Eaton professed letters, however, which revealed a fact he admitted, that he was planning other coups of a similar sort against women of wealth.

MISS KOHN IDENTIFIES HER JEWELS. Miss Kohn, accompanied by a lawyer, appeared at headquarters and identified a quantity of her jewelry, including a wedding ring marked "Clara to Sigmund," which, she said, was her mother's wedding ring, and another marked "M. R.," which she said belonged to her mother. Only a small stickpin and a blue enamel brooch were missing.

"I became acquainted with the man through his interest in my Pomeranian dogs which I had with me at the Manhattan Hotel," Miss Kohn said, in spite of the lawyer's injunctions to tell nothing about herself.

Detective Foley took the girl to the hospital saying to Eaton: "I've brought a friend to see you."

"How do you do?" responded Eaton as he saw Miss Kohn. He did not seem embarrassed. "I am very sorry to see you here," she replied and then asked, eagerly, if he could tell her what had become of the history which had been packed in the case with a little gold cross which opened and revealed the names of eighteen saints. It was an heirloom handed down through the family and when the police found it in Eaton's at the small history was missing.

Eaton became greatly excited at the question and the doctors ordered Miss Kohn and the detective to leave.

WIFE SECURED CONFESSION FROM "GENTLEMAN BURGLAR." Eaton was urged to confess by his pretty young wife, who at the time of his arrest declared steadfastly that there must be some mistake, that her husband was an honest man.

"Tell everything, Herbert. Clean your soul now. It may be your last chance, dear," sobbed the woman, and Eaton, pressing her hand, answered: "I will. I'll tell everything."

So he began at the beginning, his boyhood in the village of Swansea, in Wales, where he and Mrs. Eaton were childhood playmates.

"I was a wild youngster, wayward and impatient of restraint," said Eaton. "The village life irked me, and when the Boer war began I enlisted at once. I was only seventeen and I fought through the war. When I returned we were married. We were nothing but a couple of kids, but my family was well-to-do and I was able to marry. Then I decided to come to America to make my fortune. I came with two companions, leaving my wife with my people. Like a lot of other youngsters I supposed gold was to be picked up here for the mere stopping, and so I hurried west in search of a mine. Needless to say I didn't find one, but I was too proud to write home and confess failure, so I invented great mines at Chihuahua, Mexico, where my partner and myself were supposed to be making fortunes. Every letter I wrote was filled with tales of my success, though actually I was almost starving in California."

WORKED AS A DAY LABORER IN WEST. "But I was honest then. Why, Captain, I worked with Chinamen and Italians on the railroad. I was a laborer, nothing more, but a clerk in

## "Go Home and Dress!" Teachers Order Scantily Clad and Painted Schoolgirls



Many Juvenile Freaks of Fashion Are Seen Among New York High School Pupils, Though Instructors Seek to Discourage Modes That Closed School in Lynn, Mass.

By Marguerite Moores Marshall.

What's the matter with the high school girl's dress? It has actually closed a number of schools over in Massachusetts. Three thousand pupils in Lynn are enjoying a holiday because some of the school boilers are out of commission and Superintendent Frank J. Pease "doesn't want to subject half-dressed girls to severe colds."

This is the superintendent's announcement: "If high school girls would dress as they should and not come to school half dressed, it would not be necessary for us to close the English High School building on account of the cold weather. As they dress now I think that requiring them to remain in school would be conducive to severe colds."

The costumes of certain New York school girls haven't yet succeeded in closing the schools. But that the girls do wear utterly inadequate and unsuitable clothes I think no impartial observer can deny. Of course not every girl offends in this respect, but there are altogether too many sartorial sensations among the book-laden maidens whom I watched depart from the Washington Irving High School yesterday afternoon.

The 6,000 students at this school have many remarkable and inspiring achievements to their credit, and it is only fair to say that the ridiculous toilettes I saw could undoubtedly be paralleled in any girls' high school in Greater New York.

TEACHERS DISCOURAGE, BUT CAN'T STOP THEM. My later conversation with Washington Irving teachers proved that they do everything they can to discourage the modern young woman's mania for flashy clothes. But she or some of her is apparently not to be discouraged.

One girl, the centre of an admiring group, wore a Russian tunic of blue serge moulded to disclose every line of her figure with a white vest cut low in front, a high collar flaring out behind and conspicuous white sleeves. Her skirt was in two pieces, a full, loosely pleated overskirt hanging over a narrow strip about her ankles. It was cut short enough to display fully a pair of high-heeled bronze slippers. The girl's hair was done high on her head, and she wore a round black hat tipped at an angle of forty-five degrees, with a green bird perched on the rim. In the same hand with her book she carried a vanity box.

Another young woman displayed a black velvet hat with a white Romeo ostrich plume, at least eighteen inches long, curving languorously over her left ear. Her thin cotton frock, with no petticoat under it, had three two-inch folds in the skirt between waist and knees, and was very narrow at the bottom. A wide sash of black ribbon was wound about her hips and tied in a bow at the back.

SOME OTHER COSTUMES OF SCHOOL GIRLS. Many girls affected the skirt with one or more deep flounces puffing out over the hips in a panner effect. One young thing wore the most elaborately tailored suit I have seen for some time. The be-flounced skirt was slit rather deeply, exactly in front. The coat was full and "fussy," with a deep collar and a panel back trimmed with at least twenty-five buttons in two rows. The hat worn with this costume had a narrow that walking up in front and would have been suitable on a woman of thirty.

I saw a considerable number of girls in skirts so narrow that walking down them was a feat. There were several slit skirts. The waists were uniformly open at the throat and many were cut as low as party dresses, both V-shaped and round.

SOME USE FACE POWDER, COSMETICS MORE RARE. A few girls had used face powder too freely, but there were comparatively few traces of cosmetics. Cork screw curls seemed rather popular.

Now is it necessary for the modern school girl to trick herself out in this fashion? It is not. Other Washington Irving girls prove as much. I saw a whole roomful of charmingly dressed girls taking a lesson in stenography. Each wore a middie blouse, the rolling collar closed sufficiently with a gay tie, and a skirt that was neither too full nor too skimpy.

Another simply and tastefully dressed girl had a warm sailor suit of dark blue woolen stuff, with a neat

Bank Deficit \$17,000,000. The statement of the average condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that the cash reserve increased \$12,750, leaving a deficit of \$17,000,000.

Body Found in River. The body of a man was found in the East River off pier 8 by the police of Harbor Precinct A early today. The dead man was about 40 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighed 175 pounds and had brown hair and mustache.

Maritime Has Earthquake. FORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, Oct. 2.—A strong earthquake shock was experienced here at 1:15 P. M. today. The direction was from north to south and the tremors lasted for thirty seconds. No damage was done.

Two Motormen Hurt When Cars Crash in Fog. Three Auto Collisions Also Reported in Hackensack, N. J. Man Killed in Ridgewood.

Among the fifteen passengers sailing to-day for London aboard the Atlantic Transport Line steamship Minnehaha was Col. E. C. B. Cotgrave, a retired officer of the British army, who for thirty years was with the Central India Horse. Col. Cotgrave, who recently has been attached to the British Embassy in Washington, said he was going back to offer his services to the War Office.

THE NATIVE INDIAN BEST FIGHTER IN WORLD. The native Indian, the best fighter in the world, is commented Col. Cotgrave in speaking of the recent arrival in France of the first British contingent from India. He has no imagination, fights for the love of fighting, is tireless and hardy, and can live on next to nothing. Great Britain has 300,000 of these trained soldiers in India. They will give an excellent account of themselves in this war.

NEW COURT IN HARLEM. But it is in the same building as the Old One. A new court, known as the Washington Heights Magistrates' Court, was opened by Magistrate Corrigan to-day in the Harlem Court building at One Hundred and Twenty-third street and B'way place. The court was to have been established on Jan. 1, 1915, but no site was acquired and the pressure of business on the old Harlem Court was so great that a temporary home for it had to be made in the District-Attorney's room in the building.

AMERICAN RELIEF COMMITTEE HEADS FOR HOME ON LUSITANIA. LONDON, Oct. 2, 12 M.—Among the Americans who sailed for Liverpool for New York to-day on the steamer Lusitania are the members, with two exceptions, of the party which came over on the American cruiser Tennessee with Assistant Secretary of War Breckinridge to distribute American relief in Europe.

JOFFRE, GALLIENI, PAU AND CASTELNAU MAY BE MARSHALS OF FRANCE. LONDON, Oct. 2.—The French government will create four Marshals of France, according to the Paris correspondent of the Express. The men selected, he says, are Gen. Joseph J. C. Joffre, the Commander-in-Chief of the French Army; J. S. Gallieni, the military governor of Paris; General P. Pau and G. de Castelnau, who are on the fighting line.

Boy Falls From Window. Richard Lahenna, four years old, whose parents live at No. 61 Third street, Hunters Point, Queens, died in St. John's Hospital at Hunter's Point this morning from a fractured skull which he sustained by falling out of a window of his home.

## M'COMBS TO HELP GLYNN IF MURPHY KEEPS TIGER TIED

May Run State Campaign, but Tammany Must Behave in Up-State Districts.

There is not the slightest doubt in the mind of Gov. Glynn that he will receive the whole-hearted support of the Wilson Administration in the coming gubernatorial campaign. He made that plain to-day at the Vanderbilt Hotel, where he put in most of the afternoon in conference with William F. McCombs, whom he is trying to induce to become chairman of the Democratic State Committee and manage his campaign for the Governorship. McCombs is expected to give his answer before the Governor returns to Albany this evening.

With a broad smile, the Governor acknowledged receiving a letter from Secretary of the Navy Daniels in which the Cabinet officer warmly endorsed his candidacy and assured him of his support.

"This endorsement was not wholly unexpected," Gov. Glynn said. "I have on my desk in Albany a similar letter from another member of President Wilson's Cabinet."

The problem of selecting a handler for the Democratic campaign has taken up all of Gov. Glynn's time since he reached the city. This much is certain, his closest advisers declare: William Church Osborn, the present Democratic State Chairman, will not be a candidate for re-election on Tuesday. Mr. Osborn was in conference with Mr. McCombs and Gov. Glynn yesterday. He left the city for Peekskill this morning, leaving the Governor to thresh the matter out with Mr. McCombs.

Although Mr. McCombs has assured Gov. Glynn he will be active in this campaign, it is understood he will accept the State leadership only under certain conditions. He will insist, it is said, that Tammany in no way interfere with the Democratic campaign up-State. The revival of the story that Charles F. Murphy and the Tiger will henceforth confine their activities to Manhattan is said to have a direct bearing on the selection of a chairman of the State committee.

Efforts to reach Secretary of State Bryan, who arrived this morning, were unavailing. Gov. Glynn denied he had received any communication from Mr. Bryan up to noon. Discussing the primary vote, Gov. Glynn said his vote for the State was heavier than he had expected.

BIG CONCERNS CUT SALARIES. Pittsburgh Coal Company and Westinghouse Electric Economize.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 2.—Announcement was made to-day that salaried employees of the Pittsburgh Coal Company not included in the wage agreement with the United Mine Workers of America or other labor unions had, beginning Oct. 1, suffered a reduction of 10 per cent. The order is so worded as to apply to employees receiving \$100 a month or over.

The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company and its allied interests announced a reduction of 10 per cent. for salaried employees, in each case the reductions are said to be depressed business demanding economy and cutting of operating expenses. The Carnegie Steel Company announced yesterday that it would terminate its existing wage agreement with its 24,000 employees Dec. 31 because of the European war.

BRIDE'S "POISONING" A RUSE. "I Just Wanted to Make Pete Sore," She Explains.

Peter Gaynor, a young ironworker to-day rushed out of the room in which he and his bride have been living since their wedding a month ago and went to the landlady. "Maud has taken poison to kill herself!"

The landlady, who earlier had had the pair quarrelling because Gaynor thought his wife smiled too pleasantly at a delivery boy, ran from the room and called a policeman, who took the bride's throat she broke away and slapped his face and said she had taken poison at all.

"I just wanted to make Pete sore for being so stupid," she explained, wishing everybody would get out and leave us alone.

And everybody did.

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